

REMARKS

Claims 28-56 are presently pending in this Continuation Application which stems from parent Application Serial No. 09/074,543. The parent application was originally filed with claims 1-28. This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-27 of the parent Application, retains claim 28, and adds new claims 29-56.

The Office Action dated December 19, 2000 in the parent Application contained a rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,144 to Wyard et al. ("Wyard") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,969,719 to Tsujimoto et al. ("Tsujimoto") and yet further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,767,835 to Obbink ("Obbink"). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is inapplicable in the present application for at least the following reasons. Namely, the hypothetical combination of Wyard-Tsujimoto-Obbink does not disclose or suggest, "wherein said first sound segment, said second sound segment and said third sound segment are associated with a transition between display states of a graphical user interface," the feature of claim 28 added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested. In the event there are any issues which may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
MARKED-UP CLAIM AMENDMENTS

28. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having at least one data structure from which a sound effect can be produced encoded thereon, said data structure comprising:

a first sound segment for initiating said sound effect;

a second sound segment which is repeatable to sustain said sound effect; and

a third sound segment for decaying said sound effect;

wherein said first sound segment, said second sound segment and said third sound segment are associated with a transition between display states of a graphical user interface.

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